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SUBJECT: POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS: FRG DELIVERS MORE AIRCRAFT

1. GERMANS DELIVER AIRCRAFT: IN A CEREMONY AT THE BEJA AIR BASE ON JULY 12, FOURTEEN FIAT G-91 AIRCRAFT WERE TURNED OVER TO THE PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. THE TRANSFER BRINGS TO 19 THE NUMBER OF G-91'S TURNED OVER TO PORTUGAL BY THE FRG DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS.

2. SOUSA E CASTRO COMMENTS ON "AMERICAN PRESENCE". ON HIS WAY INTO THE JULY 12 REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL MEETING, RC SPOKESMAN CPT SOUSA E CASTRO WAS ASKED ABOUT REPORTS OF A AMERICAN TRAINING MISSION AT SANTA MARGARIDA. WHILE NOT SPECIFICALLY CONFIRMING OR DENYING THE PRESENCE OF AN AMERICAN TRAINING MISSION, SOUSA E CASTRO SAID THAT SUCH A PRESENCE WOULD BE "NATURAL" SINCE THE PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES HAD RECENTLY ACQUIRED

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NEW EQUIPMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES.

3. COMMENT: THE WELL-PUBLICIZED DELIVERY OF THE FIATS IS A TIMELY
REMINDER THAT MODERNIZATION OF THE PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES
IS NOT EXCLUSIVELY A U.S. ENTERPRISE. GERMAN PARTICIPATION
IN THE ARMY SURVEY TEAM WILL FURTHER UNDERSCORE THIS POINT.
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